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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

And now comes the statement, well vouched for, that corn stalks are valuable for making paper. The outside shell of the stalk, which has formerly been regarded as worthless for manufacturing purposes, is so valuable as a material for making good grades of newspaper that the United States will yet lead in the manufacture of paper. It will reduce the cost of paper to the newspaper world nearly half the present cost. It is said.

This is at last a gleam of light that gives hope to many a forlorn country publisher, and perhaps some city publishers as well.

It is all nonsense for any one to claim that there is no race prejudice in the North. At Virden, Ill., some days ago a mining company attempted to displace their regular mining laborers with negroes from Alabama. The Virden miners resisted it, and a conflict ensued. The result was several miners were killed and others wounded. The negroes did not leave the cars. The train was compelled to move on.

Governor Tanner is indignant with the mining company. He had warned them not to bring the negroes there for he knew the temper of the miners. Such is the feeling in Illinois.

THE COMMONWEALTH all the while has been favorable to a curfew law. And after all it is not such a new idea. The Norfolk Virginian and Pilot recently printed the following:

Before the war North Carolina had a curfew law for slaves and children, which worked well, and was particularly a blessing for children in towns and cities, where judiciously enforced. There is no question that it can be in judiciously enforced, as happened at times in North Carolina; but that was an abuse of a good regulation.

If parents will not keep their children at home at night, the law should make them do so, for the public good and for the sake of the future of the children. Unquestionably the presence of children at night on the streets of Norfolk requires some check or limit.

At Midville, Neb., a few days ago, Miss Genevieve Ransom was standing at the altar ready to take the marriage vow with Harry Keldar, when the bridegroom suddenly walked out of the house, leaving the bride-about-to-be fainting. She had been accustomed to smoke cigarettes but had promised her Herry to quit. As the clergyman commenced the ceremony Harry smelt her breath. He leaned nearer and said, "You've been smoking again!" She made no reply and he suddenly walked out and could not be induced to return.

"Plucky fellow!" we say; but why can't young women have the same pluck with reference to men who drink, and otherwise unfit themselves to make good and true husbands?

All business is practically at a stand still in North Carolina and will be so at least for fifteen days. The high tension over the election that prevails all over the State is such that people just can't give attention to business as they would under different conditions. And it might as well be said and understood now, that if the State should go Republican in this election, of which there is scarcely a probability, however, North Carolina would suffer a shock to business and progress the like of which has not been felt here in a quarter of a century. And this would be especially true of Eastern Carolina. Such must not be, for the State is to be redeemed on Nov. 8th.

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KID GLOVE VOTERS.

THE LAZY MEN IN POLITICS.

Present Day Thoughts.

By G. Grosvenor Dawe.

(Written for The Commonwealth)

The Lazy Man in Politics.—A dreamer in politics, who spins beautiful, unpractical yarns of things as they may some day be, is bearable. He imparts color to the drab life that too many of us see. Dreams may, indeed, be made of stuff that has neither texture nor warmth nor weight, but, like clouds, they often speak of a light hidden, yet some day bound to be revealed. God bless the dreamers who walk abstractedly among us of more practical calibre and see visions and foretell changes! They have their place, and they bring things to pass that are impossible to men of little faith.

But the lazy man in politics is a different creature. He neither sees the future nor cares for the present, except that "in his time there shall be peace" and be undisturbed. Like one man I have known with tainted well who had never known of typhoid fever in the family, you cannot arouse him nor shake into him an understanding of the awakened spirit of the day that demands a service in some form from every man as a requital to society for the care and attention it permits to surround him. He would silence the drums and fife of those who do battle, for his eyes are closed in self-ostered laziness so that he sees no hosts to combat. He vacuously asks to be let alone, for he does not believe in the power of one solitary man, forgetting that enthusiasm and purpose have a self-multiplying element, so that when one man is aroused he may find followers enough to combat an army of entrenched wrong.

The lazy man in politics is ever ready to say in one breath, "This is God's world," and in the next, "The political world lieth altogether in the wicked one;" and between these two contradictory assertions, like the man in the narrow lane with a hostile bull before him and another behind, he will take to the woods and there rest. To dispose of argument we will grant that God made the country and all the physical manifestations of life around us; but social and political organization is made by man, and by man is it to be improved and purified by none other. There is no evasion of this thought possible to an honorable thinker. Do we create a beautiful city and then utterly neglect it constantly recurring needs because of our faith in the Almighty to keep the stars in their courses? Do we work out an intricate machine and then leave it to run itself because other, higher law maintains the majestic movements of the planets? Then neither ought heroic, a-head-of-the-age men to be permitted to work out in blood and agony a system for giving every man a political influence; and their successors neglect the sacred task and let it fall to the ground. It would so fall if all were lazy and willing to let chance take the helm of affairs and steer to mischance.

The lazy man in politics is like the ungrateful son who forgets the breasts that nourished him, and would heartlessly leave his mother to starvation and to fate outside a comfortable home inherited from her.

The lazy man in politics is like the traveller by rail, who will admire the solid roadbed and entrust himself to the splendid safety devices of the block system and the inter-locking switches that carry him unharmed through bewildering freight yards, and then try to evade the payment of his fare.

The lazy man in politics is the kid-glove voter, who, having heard that practical politics form a filthy pool, because of his gloves and his own personal appearance, will leave the pool untouched, no matter how vile its influence on the day that now is, and no matter how sinister its possible results in the day that is to come.

The lazy man in politics is the wooden dummy upon whom the opposing office-holders can perform in safety their great see-saw act of "ins" and "outs." He is the rich man who finds it too much trouble to vote, and then goes to much more trouble in order to

POISONED BY TOAD STOOLS.

MISTAKEN FOR MUSHROOMS.

Four Persons Died.

Philadelphia Record.

Trenton, N. J.—Of the seven members of Henry Goldbach's family who were poisoned by eating toadstoals at their home, No. 35 Jersey street, four are dead. They are: Henry Goldbach. Mrs. Henry Goldbach. Helen Goldbach, a daughter. Celia Goldbach, a sister of Henry. David Lesser, Goldbach's father-in-law, and a servant girl are seriously ill, but the attending physicians hope to save their lives. The others, a son and another a servant, are out of danger.

The country round about Trenton is exceedingly productive of mushrooms and kindred fungi, and they have been eagerly gathered by persons who have little or no knowledge of the difference between the delicious mushroom and the deadly toadstool. They are sold promiscuously to vegetable dealers, some of whom seem either awfully ignorant or criminally negligent, so that poisonings due to the confusion of growths are frequent in this city.

GATHERED BY A NEIGHBOR.

On Sunday afternoon last, Sophie Fritz, a neighbor of the Goldbachs, and who is quite active in politics, started out into the country to gather mushrooms. He soon had a basketful of the fungi, which he carried home with pleasant anticipations of the feast in store for him. When he got home, however, and told Henry Goldbach of his good luck the latter desired very much to have the delicacies. He offered to buy them, and at length Fritz reluctantly consented to part with his treasure.

ALL SEIZED AT ONCE.

The fungi were carefully prepared for Goldbach's Sunday night supper, and all the family ate heartily of them with great relish. They passed a pleasant evening together with no thought of danger until late at night, when the daughter, Helen, complained of sickness at the stomach. Almost immediately she was seized with convulsions, and before medical aid could be summoned Mrs. Goldbach, another child, Grandfather Lesser, Goldbach's sister, Celia, and the servant were seized with the same symptoms, and then Goldbach himself was attacked. All had violent spasms, and in the midst of the intense excitement there was a delay in calling a physician.

DOCTORS LONG STRUGGLE.

At length word was sent to Doctors Struble, Schoening and Beatty, and they promptly responded. All night and nearly all of yesterday they worked over the stricken family, and gradually gave marked signs of improvement in the cases. Last night it was thought all were out of danger, but early this morning signs of blood-poisoning appeared in the cases of Goldbach, his wife, his sister and daughter, and in spite of every effort on the part of the physicians, the four died in agony late this afternoon. The physicians are still working hard to save the lives of the other members of the household.

The Goldbachs were very popular in the neighborhood in which they lived and the disaster has caused widespread consternation. The city authorities have been aroused and declare their intention of prohibiting the sale of mushrooms in the markets.

The Country Woman's Life.

"If we want the lives of our girls and women on the farm to mean more, their lives must, first of all, be made easier," writes Edward Bok of "The Girl Who Feels Isolated," in the October Ladies' Home Journal. There is too much mental work being done on our farms by wives and daughters which ought to be done by hired help. If the women on our farms would form among themselves 'Leisure Guilds,' and devise ways and means to have some of their work done for them, and not do it all themselves, the initial step would be taken towards emancipation and freedom from isolation of thousands of women. See, for example, what can be done in a town for the improvement of everybody in it, and start, if you will, with a public library. There is a public gallery of prints of the best paintings of good photographs—a gallery made as the nucleus for an amateur photograph club, with summer jaunts and an exhibition in the winter. There is a collection to be made for such a gallery of specimens of all the rocks, and plants, and flowers, and insects of the place—the finest material for pleasant winter evening studies and classes in natural history. There is the organization of a band for music in the summer evenings on the green, with refreshments served by girls to raise money for some other object; a concert or lecture in the fall, perhaps. There are reading classes and dramatic clubs to be formed for the winter. There is a woman's club for the study of current events and books; a farmer's club for the men for the discussion of agricultural science and economics; a sewing club for the girls; a manual training club for the boys; a debating society for the boys; a branch of the Chautauqua Circle; a King's Daughters' circle for some specific neighborhood need or purpose; an art exhibition of the pictures from the magazines; a singing-school for a concert during the winter; a neighborhood guild for girls; a guild for men and women for the betterment of good roads and the planting of hedges by the side of them; a dinner club for young men, where each member gives one dinner to the club during the season at his house."

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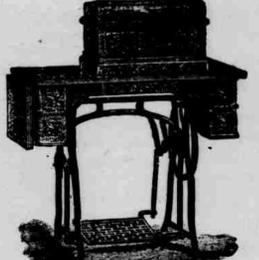
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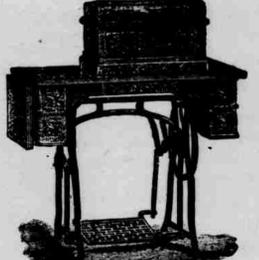
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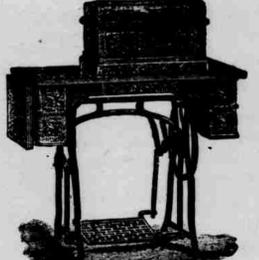
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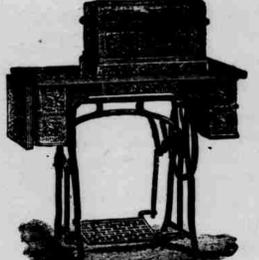
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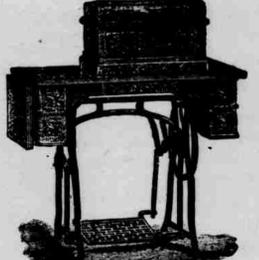
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New Conditions of Love Making.

A writer in the New York Picayune calls attention to the fact that modern courtship is carried on under more practical conditions than in former days.

"In the past, when a young man went a-courting he went dressed in his best, wearing not only his company clothes, but his company manners. The girl, on the other hand, was powdered and crimped out of all everyday knowing, and they sat and talked of soulful things, and didn't find out a bit more about each other's real selves than if one had been in the Klondike and the other on the equator. Neither was consciously trying to deceive the other, but all the same, after they were married, there were many cruel disillusionments.

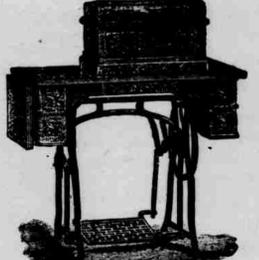
"To the new fad for athletics for women we owe a change. The girl who goes out a-wheeling with her beau and takes the rain and sun and dust and wind and tan may not be a divinity to him like the parlor maiden, but she is a human girl and he has a chance to know her and judge her on that basis. If she still appears beautiful to him and he is still in love with her she has nothing to fear from fading good looks, or wearing curl papers and wrappers to breakfast; while if he still appears heroic to her in knickerbockers and with sunburnt nose she may rest satisfied that her love is founded on a rock that nothing can shake.

"Aside from this view of the subject is the far more important one of character. A woman's parlor views of life may be merely theories that she lacks the strength and courage to put into actual practice, and hence utterly worthless. The real way to know a woman is to go on an outing with her. If she can be cheerful in the face of difficulties, and can make allowances for mistakes and failures, if she can accept a substitute for the thing she wants with a good grace, then, indeed, she is of the kind and quality that will make her companionship a lifelong pleasure and benefit.

"The woman, on her part, has an equally good chance to study a man. She sees him off guard, when he is no longer trying to be a Prince Charming. It is one thing to spring to pick up a lady's handkerchief in a parlor. It is another to stay his pace all day to keep near a woman who is a poor rider. That is the real chivalry a woman may trust to protect her in the days of sickness and misfortune, and would be patient and forbearing with her weaknesses."

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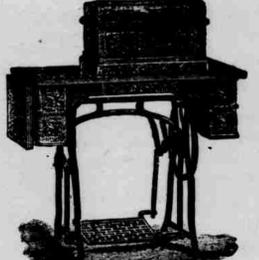
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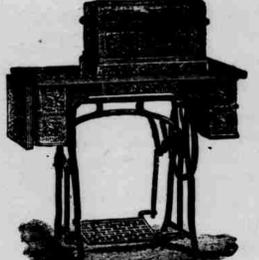
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